

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph of specification at page 5, lines 1-2 with the following replacement paragraph that corrects a typographical error:

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The VLANs defined in a first L2 switch chassis can be trunked to other L2 switch
chassis chassis using ordinary trunking technology, in order to increase the number of
ports.

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Please replace the paragraph of specification at page 9, lines 5-12 with the following replacement paragraph that corrects a typographical error:

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Turning now to Fig. 3, community VLAN #1 350, community VLAN #2 352, and, community VLAN #3 354 are shown. Community VLAN #1 350 is shown connected to community ports 306, and 308. Community VLAN #1 350 permits community ports connected thereto to exchange packets. For example, a packet entering L2 switch 102 from user #2 at community port 306 is transferred by community VLAN #1 2-350 to the other community ports, for example community ports 308, etc., connected to community VLAN #1 350, and is also transferred to all of the promiscuous ports, ports 320, 322, 324,

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Please replace the paragraph of specification at page 11 line 28 to page 12, line 3, with the following replacement paragraph that corrects a typographical error:

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In the conceptual table "Promiscuous Port Assignment Table for Outgoing Traffic", Table 500 there is a one-to-one correspondence between a Primary VLAN number and a L3 Interface number. An L3 Interface, designated by L3 Interface Number, is usually associated to a subnet, that is to a whole group of addresses. Once the packets reach an L3 Interface, then ~~they~~they are normally routed by the router without any remaining knowledge of the Private VLANs. At the L3 Interface there is no distinction between normal traffic, and traffic coming from a private VLAN.

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